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Various changes have recently taken place on the English Bench. Lord Esher, having resigned the office of Master of the Rolls, has been made a Viscount, and is succeeded by Lord Justice Lindley. The place of the latter in the Court of Appeal has been taken by Sir Richard Henn Collins, Judge of the Queen's Bench Division. He is succeeded by Mr. Darling, Q.C. Lord Ludlow (formerly Lord Justice Lopes) has also resigned, and is succeeded by Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams.

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We publish in another place an interesting and valuable article on an important branch of the law of torts, contributed to our columns by Mr. C. B. Labatt, formerly Foundation Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, now one of the editors of the *Lawyers Reports Annotated* (U.S.) His articles in *The American Law Review* for May and September for this year on the power of corporations to execute guaranties, and as to the relation between assumption of risks and contributory negligence, are well known to the readers of that learned periodical.

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The following statistics on the subject of lynch law have recently been published: "There have been 97 cases of lynching in the United States since Jan. 1, 1897, an average of over twelve per month. Fourteen of the southern States are represented in this black list as follows: Texas 19, Alabama 12, Mississippi 10, Georgia and Louisiana 8 each, Tennessee 7, Florida 6, South Carolina, Kentucky and Arkansas 5 each, Missouri 3, Virginia 2, and Arizona and Maryland 1 each.